

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
AIKEN DIVISION

RONALD ALLEN CLARKE,)	Civil Action No.: 1:15-cv-4735-RBH
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	ORDER
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CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting)	
Commissioner of the Social)	
Security Administration,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
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On November 30, 2016, Plaintiff filed a motion for attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act,¹ asserting the position taken by Defendant in this action was not substantially justified. [ECF #25, p. 1]. Plaintiff requested an award of attorney's fees in the amount of \$3,469.31.[ECF #25, p. 1]. On December 19, 2016, Defendant filed a response to Plaintiff's motion stating she does not oppose payment of Plaintiff's requested amount of attorney's fees. [ECF #26, p. 1].

After careful consideration, the Court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's motion [ECF #25] and **ORDERS** Defendant to pay attorney's fees in the amount of \$3,469.31, subject to the Treasury Offset Program² if Plaintiff owes an outstanding debt to the federal government. Pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), the attorney's fees shall be paid directly to Plaintiff and mailed to his attorney, with a copy sent to Plaintiff.

¹ 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d).

² 31 U.S.C. § 3716.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

December 20, 2016
Florence, South Carolina

s/ R. Bryan Harwell
R. Bryan Harwell
United States District Judge